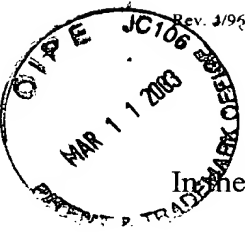


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

GREG A. WESTBROOK ET AL.

CONFIRMATION NO.: 9803

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EXAMINER: GREGORY E. WEBB

FOR: **NON-FLAMMABLE, HIGH SOLVENCY
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING TRANS-
1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE, SOLVENT,
AND INERTING AGENT**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

By Office Action dated 9/17/1999, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict. Applicants file concurrently herewith a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a). The Examiner has taken the position that claims 1-11 and 15 (Invention I) are drawn to non-aqueous cleaning solvents, classified in Class 510, subclass 407. Claims 12-14 and 16 (Invention II) are said to be drawn to methods of cleaning siliceous surfaces, classified in Class 134, subclass 2.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 5, 2002, a provisional election with traverse to prosecute the product claims/Invention I was not made. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect to proceed with the prosecution of Invention I.

In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained in this application and nonelected process claims are withdrawn from consideration, Applicants request treatment of nonelected process claims as set forth under 37 CFR § 1.142(b). Upon a determination that a product claim is allowable, Applicants request rejoinder of nonelected process claims and examination of such claims on the merits in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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